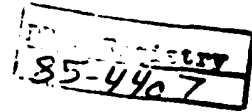




Washington, D.C. 20505



31 December 1985

Mr. William Madison
Regional Administrator
National Capital Region
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20407

Dear Bill:

The expansion of our Headquarters building is being managed for us by the General Services Administration (GSA) through four main construction contracts. The fourth contract (GS-11B-59018-NEG) was designated as a small business set aside. This contract called for the construction of Security Control Centers at our main entrances to process employees and uncleared visitors. These centers are the heart of our program to improve the security of our facilities and the safety of our employees.

Events surrounding the contract have been less than encouraging. The contractor selected for negotiations does not appear to have a proper grasp of the project or any sense of urgency. These factors seemed to be manifested in the length of time it took to negotiate the contract. Although the contract was negotiated on 18 October 1985, it is our understanding that the contractor has not yet been issued Notice to Proceed because he is unable to secure the required bonds.

Since I am retiring today, I wanted to advise you of the problem and solicit your help in moving this contract along or possibly some alternative course of action. Our preferred course of action would be to terminate whatever existing relationship the government has with the present contractor and to utilize a selected bidders list to secure adequate competition in a reasonable time frame.

Bill, I do appreciate all you have done for the Agency and particularly your support to me during my tenure as Deputy Director for Administration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harry

Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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